

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 8 & 9, 2005**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the eighth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon the first Article herein; the second and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven o'clock in the evening of the following day, Wednesday, the ninth day of March, 2005, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Town Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Town Clerk	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of Checklist	1 Year Term

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 149-I, vesting in the Board of Selectmen the powers of a board of sewer commissioners under that chapter. Such powers shall extend to the area of Holderness served by the sewer system formerly operated by the Upper Holderness Sewer District, which has since been dissolved, and any additions thereto within the Town as authorized by the selectmen; and further to authorize the selectmen on behalf of the Town to accept a deed/bill of sale to any and all assets of the former sewer district.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of RSA 72:28 II & IV, (Veterans Tax Credit on residential property), to increase the annual property tax credit from \$200. to \$300.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,500. to be placed into the Library Capital Reserve Fund, said money to begin the planning and design of a future expansion to the Holderness Free Library and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from that fund when requested by the Library Trustees.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 6: To see if the Town will rescind that part of its vote on article 7 at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting which approved the automatic transfer of the first \$5,000. of Land Use Change Tax revenues into the Conservation Fund. Instead, henceforth disposition of all Land Use Change Tax funds received and deposited into the Land use Change Tax Fund will be determined by specific vote at the following year's annual meeting.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve transferring \$5,000. from the Land Use Change Tax Fund to the Conservation Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, per RSA 231:43, a section of the old Holderness – Plymouth Road on the present Holderness School campus beginning at the four way stop intersection with South Campus Road, westerly along a portion of Chapel Lane, and then northerly to a point adjacent to the south side of State Route 175A, said discontinuance to extinguish all right of public easement; and further to authorize the Selectmen to provide a deed without covenants to the School, to confirm that the Town has no remaining interest in the road.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the Board of Selectmen per the requirements of RSA 289:6.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a two year lease/purchase for a new Police cruiser for the price of \$ 22,609. and to raise and appropriate \$12,000. for the first year payment on this lease/purchase. This lease purchase contains a non-appropriation clause.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to close out the Town Hall Reserve Fund and to transfer the balance within said Reserve Fund to the General Fund. (Takes two-thirds majority vote to pass; balance in the Fund as of 1/1/05: \$22.00)

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$301,150. to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$55,000.
Road Reconstruction	150,000.
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000.
Library	16,150.
Municipal Buildings	2,000.
Fire Equipment	2,000.
Village Sidewalk	25,000.
Honor Roll	5,000.
Public Works Vehicles	35,000.
Master Plan	5,000.
Grant Applications	<u>5,000.</u>
	\$301,150.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$275,000. for the purchase of a new fire truck and to fund said appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw said funds from the Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicles Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the construction of a paved sidewalk within Holderness Village on the south side of Route 3/25 from Squam Boat Livery, Inc. (Tax Map 101, Lot 23) to the Golden Pond Country Store (Tax Map 102, Lot 47), authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Transportation Enhancement Project Agreement with the NH Department of Transportation to procure Federal Highway funds for said project, raise and appropriate up to a total of \$360,000. for said project, and to authorize the funding of that appropriation by withdrawing \$72,000. from the Village Sidewalk Reserve Fund, and \$288,000. coming from the Federal/State Project funds.

Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$236,150. for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000.
Library	16,150.
Public Works Vehicle	65,000.
Master Plan	<u>5,000.</u>
	\$236,150.

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million eight hundred sixty five thousand nine dollars (\$1,865,009.) which represents the operating budget for the Town. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.
Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee

Article 17: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and five.

HOLDERNESS

Steven L. Huss, Chairman

BOARD OF

Samuel L. Laverack, Vice-Chairman

SELECTMEN

Barbara C. Currier

Peter S. Francesco

Peter T. Webster

Cumulative Appropriations

Article	Amount	Purpose
5	\$12,500.	Planning for Library Expansion
7	5,000.	Transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Fund to the Conservation Commission Reserve Fund
10	12,000.	Cruiser Lease (first year)
12	301,150.	To Capital Reserve Funds
13	275,000.	Purchase of a new Fire Truck
14	360,000.	Construction of a Village Sidewalk
15	<u>236,150.</u>	Capital Projects
Subtotal	\$1,201,800.	
16	<u>\$1,865,009.</u>	Net Remaining Budget
	\$3,066,809.	Proposed Gross Budget

